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More Vessels Are Seized

German Comment on the Prizes Captured From the Venezuelans.

Conflicting Reports as to Successes by Castro Against Rebels.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Commodore Scheder telegraphs that the Germans on Saturday seized five large sailing Venezuelan vessels at Porto Cabello. The prizes were towed by warships to Los Roques, where they remained under guard. Otherwise there have been no developments at Porto Cabello.

The official view here is that the blockading command acted quite in accordance with their instructions. The allied governments' determination appears to be that pending the signature of the arbitration of protocol, the blockade within the limits agreed upon shall be sharply applied, hence, unless the preliminaries for arbitration are arranged immediately, action similar to that adopted at Porto Cabello naturally will be taken at other ports. It is claimed the blockade felt, it is claimed, President Castro's decisions probably will be hastened. It is pointed out by naval officers that a state of war exists, and that, therefore, acts of war ought to follow as rapidly as the circumstances warrant until the peace preliminaries are signed.

Commodore Scheder in his despatch made no mention of the seizure of the custom house at Porto Cabello. The captured vessels being private property, the Vossische Zeitung condemns the action of the commodore as barbarous. "Although legal under the international maritime practices," says it, "supplies the German Government disapproves of the seizures, and quotes Chancellor von Bulow's statements, made in his speech in the Reichstag, January, 1902, when he said: "The German empire would not refuse its consent and support if a prospect presented itself for a more precise definition through international agreement of the controverted points of maritime law than has hitherto prevailed. The Chancellor's declaration referred

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also to private property rights during a naval war, and he added: "Maritime law is still very elastic, and under the existing circumstances might too often decide right at sea. In other words, the standpoint of force has not yet been overmastered by the standpoint of justice."

Caracas, Jan. 5.—Fourteen hundred revolutionists under Generals Rumes and Ponsa attacked 500 government troops under the command of Gen. Ayres to Sunday morning at a point near Guatiere. After four hours of fighting the revolutionists abandoned the field and the town of Guatiere. They had 57 killed and many wounded, one of their guns was taken. A prisoner captured by the government forces is authority for the statement that the revolutionists still lack ammunition.

The answers from the powers to President Castro's counter-proposition in the matter of referring the Venezuelan issue to The Hague tribunal have not yet been received here. They are awaited with considerable anxiety. The financial panic here has been momentarily arrested by an agreement by the leading bankers to continue to loan on the bank has ceased.

There is no truth in the report published in the United States that a government force was defeated Saturday night within eight miles of this city by the revolutionists.

New York, Jan. 5.—According to the New York Herald's correspondent at Wilhelmshafen, columns on Gen. Castro's army. A terrible fight occurred on Saturday within three miles of the city of Caracas, resulting favorably to the revolutionists. They are cutting all the telegraph lines, tearing up the railroad tracks and are hourly expected in the immediate vicinity of the city.

A condition of extreme panic prevails among those who have heretofore believed that Castro was invincible. A committee of the most prominent citizens has gone to President Castro and made representations to him of how hopelessly untenable is his position. But he insists on holding on until his forces are defeated in a decisive battle. It seems that this cannot be far distant.

President Castro is already planning what he shall do when the eventful day comes, but he will make a desperate fight before quitting, as he has no chance of escape. The only alternative is imprisonment.

The correspondent adds that no attempt is now being made by the allies to conceal the fact that they are affording assistance to the revolutionists.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—Great Britain and Germany came to an understanding four days ago to enforce the blockade of the Venezuelan coast precisely as though the negotiations for arbitration were not going on. It was doubtless in consequence of this understanding that the vessels at Porto Cabello were taken, although both the foreign offices and the navy department are without advice yet, showing what vessels were taken or that marines were temporarily landed.

THE BOGOTA.

United States Citizens on the Vessel Have Resigned.

Panama, Jan. 5.—All the Americans serving on board the Government gunboat Bogota, resigned today, and the Government has accepted their resignations. The American officers of the gunboat, including Captain Marvada, signed a year's contract with the Colombian authorities. They are to receive free transportation to the United States and four months' pay. Part of the crew of the Bogota leaves the isthmus tomorrow for New York.

Will Accept Judgment

Dominion Government Not to Appeal in the Pig Iron Bounty Case.

Portion of Yukon Telegraph Line to Be Replaced by Land Cable.

Vote of Ontario Prohibitionists May Yet Reach Required Figure.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—It is announced that there will be no appeal by the Dominion government to the Supreme court in the suit of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. v. the King, for payment of iron bounty. It is rumored here today that Mr. Tarte sent a reply to the Liberal committee, which asked him if he would allow La Patrie to pass under the management of a small committee named by the Premier, and that his reply is a point blank refusal.

The state of Vermont fish consuls charge Canada with a breach of faith in not carrying out an agreement to stop netting in the waters contiguous to Vermont and the Dominion, especially Lake Champlain.

A portion of the Yukon telegraph lines about 200 miles long will be replaced next summer by a land cable. The Ottawa Ministerial Association declined to admit to full membership Rev. Mr. Hutcheson, Unitarian minister, on the ground that it would be inconsistent with the principles of the evangelist alliance. They offer him the privilege of corresponding membership.

The government has made a protest to the British authorities for not enforcing the cattle quarantine regulations against United States vessels, although they are enforced against Canadian.

Quebec, Jan. 5.—(Special)—It is reported that Mr. Justice Cameron is about to be appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Quebec, vice Sir L. A. Jette, whose term expires next February. Justice Langley will then replace Judge Caron as one of the judges of the Superior court for the district of Quebec.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Related returns from outlying districts indicate that the total vote cast on December 4 on the referendum may yet come near to the required 212,000 votes required to put the Liquor Act into force. Returns today from East Victoria swell the vote to over 200,000. There are yet three ridings from which no official returns have been received, namely, Fort William and Lake of the Woods, Grenville and East Nipissing.

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—Annie Orr, 16 years old, was asphyxiated by gas from a soft coal stove on Friday night.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 5.—Michael Cushman this morning pleaded guilty to perjury at the recent referendum vote and was fined \$50 and costs.

Iona Station, Ont., Jan. 5.—(Special)—Jennie Kerr, 25 years of age, youngest daughter of Alex. Kerr, Southwold, was found dead this morning in bed.

Rev. Mr. Heene has resigned the rectory of Christ church, and will be traveling secretary for the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

FISHERMEN AT LOGGERHEADS

Renewed Complaints of Destruction of Herring by Japanese.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Jan. 5.—The people who are interested in the local herring fishery are at loggerheads just now over the question of using seines. A Japanese fisherman, who is making a fortune by taking his herring in this way, so do also certain white fishermen. Others who depend upon the harvest of the waters view these operations with alarm, declaring that the nets are dragged over the spawning beds, and that large quantities of fish are allowed to rot in the water. They assert that these practices will deplete the harbor of fish, and that they will become as scarce as at Vancouver, where similar methods resulted in the herring deserting the inlet. The matter has been referred to Inspector Sward, and pending his decision the complainants and defendants are writing angry letters to the local papers.

At Saturday evening Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P., surrendered his books and papers to the new secretary of the Miners' union. It will be remembered that when the union a week or two ago took the momentous step of joining the Western Federation of Miners, Mr. Smith tendered his resignation. Since then he has been straightening out the accounts and correspondence, which he handed over on Saturday in perfect order. When these had been accepted as complete and correct, Mr. Smith asked leave to resign, but before permission was accorded the union passed unanimously a vote of thanks acknowledging the services he had rendered during his many years of office. Mr. Smith replied, and assured the union that he would be happy to give the organization any assistance that was in his power.

The Mechanics' union, which comprehends the surface employees of the New Vancouver Coal company as distinguished from the underground men, has been going to pieces lately owing to the lack of interest taken by the members. An effort is being made to get the men out to the meetings, should which fail the union will probably be disbanded.

On Saturday evening the New Vancouver Coal company gave a banquet to the members of the band. A number of the principal officials were present, and many references were made to the favors extended by the company in past years, the general tone being of regret that they were parting with their old employees. The health of the New Vancouver Coal company was drunk, possibly for the last time, and that of the Western Fuel company for the first time in Nanaimo.

The officials report of the Board of School Trustees shows that Nanaimo spent \$10,771.50 on her public schools last year, the principal item being teachers' salaries, \$12,370.

CORDWOOD BLOCK.

Many Cars Stalled in the Winnipeg Yards.
Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 5.—There are nearly 7,000 cords of wood in the railway yards here waiting to be unloaded. The blockade is not due to any fault of the railway, but is the result of inactivity on the part of the cordwood middlemen, who neglect to unload the cars.

NEWFOUNDLAND FISH.

Mild Weather Injuring Frozen Herring Industry.
St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 5.—A prolonged period of mild weather has seriously affected the frozen herring industry in Newfoundland waters, and a number of United States fishing vessels will have to wait a long while before they can secure cargoes. The herring fishery at Bay of Islands was unusually good. To the end of last year 100,000 barrels of herring were taken. The catch is valued at \$250,000.

STRIKE COMMISSION.

Will Resume the Sittings Today.
Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 5.—The anthracite coal strike commission will resume its hearings in this city tomorrow morning. When the hearings are adjourned at Scranton for the holidays, the attorneys for the non-union men were engaged in presenting evidence through these men, of violence, boycotting and intimidation, alleged to have been carried on by the miners in the anthracite region who were on strike. A large number of witnesses has already been heard on this feature of strike, and the lawyers have still a large number to be called. They will continue to bring these witnesses before the commission tomorrow. Several days will be consumed in hearing them, after which the large coal companies will present their case.

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The Pretender Has Relreated

Situation in Morocco Now More Promising for the Sultan.

All Immediate Danger From The Rebels Has Now Disappeared.

Madrid, Jan. 5.—Premier Silvela has presented to King Alfonso XIII. a dispatches confirming the retreat of the pretender to the Morocco throne, thus allowing the Sultan to reorganize the army and stamp out the insurrection.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The Madrid correspondent before the Temps says in a dispatch that advices received in Spain from Tangier indicate that the situation of the Sultan of Morocco has improved since he released his brother, who has been favorably received by the natives. Chief Coghil has been deserted by several tribes, who have retired to the mountains. Premier Silvela denies that a joint naval demonstration against Morocco is projected. He says that on the contrary, the Spanish sloop-of-war Infante Alfonso XIII. is ordered to Tangier as proof that the powers do not intend to interfere in what is considered a question regarding Morocco alone.

Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 4.—According to official news received here from Fez, the adroit move of the Sultan in bringing his brother, Mulai Mohammed, to the capital has attained the desired object of depriving the pretender to the throne of his prestige, and the latter has retired, discredited, to Laiza. He has been deserted by a number of the local tribes, who are dispersed to make sure of their booty.

Buhamara, the pretender, having proclaimed the intention of enthroning Mulai Mohammed, his rebellion has no longer any reason to continue, as the Sultan has publicly renounced himself with his brother, and Mulai Mohammed has made a solemn entry into Fez, acclaimed by the populace. The Sultan has announced the appointment of Mulai Mohammed as governor of the province of Fez, thus depriving the rumors that Mulai Mohammed aspired to the throne. When this had been done, according to the official authority for these statements, the tribes around Fez swore fidelity to the Sultan and denounced Buhamara. The Sultan's policy, therefore, would prevent from coming to Fez.

All immediate danger has disappeared. The routes from Fez to the coast are open. It is said the Sultan is now preparing a large expedition, with the intention of crushing the rebellion.

Advice received here from Fez under date of December 29, are to the effect that the members of Haina tribe, who were fighting for the pretender, have declared their allegiance to the Sultan. Two thousand troops have reached Fez from the Sultan's district. The Sultan has placed his brother, Mulai Mohammed, in command of the expedition against Buhamara.

POLYGAMY.

Resolution Against It in United States House.
Washington, Jan. 5.—A joint resolution was offered today by Representative Parker of New Jersey, proposing an amendment to the constitution to prohibit polygamy. He also introduced a bill to restore the sale of malt beverages and light wines to soldiers or army transports, and at post exchanges.

COLOMB IS ANGRY

Because Canada Does Not Contribute to the Navy.
Montreal, Jan. 5.—The Star's London cable says: Sir John Colomb, M.P., replies in the Times today to Sir Charles Tupper's attack upon him because he opposed the Pacific cable. Sir John says he will oppose all future Canadian demands on the pockets of the British people for large cash contributions or guarantees, as long as Canada states neither pays nor guarantees a brass farthing towards the provision or maintenance of the British war fleet.

TORONTO MAYORALTY.

Urquhart Elected With Howland Second
Toronto, Jan. 5.—Mayoralty elections here today resulted in a surprise. It was generally conceded that the fight was between Mayor Howland, who had the Conservative support, and Mr. Lamb, a Conservative who had the support of the Liberal papers. Urquhart, a straight Liberal, walked in ahead, the vote standing, Urquhart, 8,344; Howland, 7,888; Lamb, 7,373; Robinson, 968.

The voters elected a jury throughout the province included: Guelph, J. H. Hamilton; Kingston, A. B. Bell; Hamilton, A. W. J. Borden, elected mayor over A. J. Dixon by 250 majority.

ALL QUIET.

Tung Fu Siang Said to Be Keeping Silent.
Pekin, Jan. 5.—The Foreign office has received telegrams from the viceroys of Kan Su and Shan Si provinces saying that these districts are quiet, and there is no sign of hostile preparations on the part of Tung Fu Siang.

The Premier Interviewed

Hon. E. G. Prior Speaks on Subjects of Importance to the Province.

Railway Policy and Development—Mining Tax Will Be Revised.

Anti-Oriental Legislation Will Be Re-Enacted by the Legislature.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 5.—Premier Prior for West Yale today in company with W. W. B. McLeod, provincial secretary and minister of education, Mr. Prior stated to the Colonist correspondent that he was quite confident of a good majority in the House. When asked if he would make a statement regarding the policy of the Government on several important questions, he replied in the affirmative. The questions were then asked and elicited the following replies:

"The time has come when the Government's ordinary expenditures should be kept within a limit. I do not think the province should pay any more taxes except for specific purposes, such as railway development.

"I believe the Finance Minister is doing quite right in trying to get in all taxes in arrears. It is not right that one should pay and another should get out of paying taxes.

"In regard to the West Yale constituency, the Government never had any intention of leaving West Yale unrepresented at the next session of the House. They never had any other idea but to bring on the election in that constituency before the House sits.

"Regarding the railway policy of the Government, I firmly believe that it is the burden duty of every Government to formulate a railway policy. No country like British Columbia can be developed without being opened up by railways, and it was the policy of the Government to develop the province by railroad building. The Government will assist, however, in any railway assistance is given, however, it will, I hope, take the form of land subsidies under such restrictions and conditions as will promote settlement and development.

"I believe that a line of railway connecting the coast with the interior is a laudable enterprise, and well worthy of assistance. I also believe we should have another transcontinental line from the Rockies down to the Coast. I believe that such a railway should come through the Cariboo and the Bulkley across to the Island. This passing through the lower portion of the province where the population is more thickly distributed. I do not approve of giving assistance to the scheme to run the railway to Port Shannon, building up a rival city to Vancouver and Victoria and other Coast cities.

"I think a great deal of good could be done in the way of developing the great resources of the province by the construction of cheap narrow gauge railways as feeders for the main lines. "The Coast-Kootenay road is also a fair necessity, and must be built, as well as some other roads in the interior. I am not in favor of the present mining tax. The actual amount collected is not material. But it bears unfairly on low grade ores in comparison to high grade ores, and the sentiment of the investing public is against it. The system of taxation on mining development will have to be attended to and revised before British Columbia can gain the confidence of investors. I intend to see that it is revised at once.

"Regarding the request made to the Government by men and companies interested in deep placer and hydraulic mining, that placer and hydraulic claims might be Crown granted, I will say that it is a difficult problem to deal with. There is opposition to the scheme by many individual placer miners. The Government will have to be satisfied with the act providing for the better title to such land than at present.

"In regard to immigration, I believe that there should be a general scheme of survey of unoccupied Government land, so that when intending settlers present themselves or write for information regarding desirable locations, the Government will be able to inform them as to the local conditions, extent and topography of each section of the province where settlement is desirable, and the nature of the soil, possibilities of livelihood, and conditions prevailing as to transportation. It would be an enormous undertaking, but it is very desirable to have the land of the province taken up by good settlers, and the expenditure would well repay the province. Of course it would have to be carried out gradually.

"Regarding the unfair terms given British Columbia by the Dominion Government, I am going to Ottawa to talk over that very matter with Premier Laurier and his colleagues. Owing to our extent of territory, and the inaccessibility in many regions, the cost of administration in British Columbia is very heavy, and as is well known, we pay \$2,000,000 annually more into the Dominion treasury than we get back. The Dominion Government issued a pamphlet to the Dominion Government stating that the Dominion Government should get more reasonable terms. I intend during my stay in Ottawa to further impress on the Government why the concessions asked for by the Dominion Government should be granted.

"The fisheries question, among others, will also be brought to the attention of Premier Laurier and his colleagues. In the fisheries question there are many disputes between the province and Dominion. I have to set a definite on my coming trip. Among them the right of the province to charge a licence for fishing. The foreshore privileges on our waters and the question of trans. The Provincial Government being distinct from the Dominion Government, neither pays nor guarantees a brass farthing towards the provision or maintenance of the British war fleet.

"In regard to Oriental immigration, I may say that the Government is strongly opposed to the influx of this class. The Dominion Government has disapproved the acts passed last session, but I intend to have them re-enacted as soon as the House meets, to show that the people of British Columbia are in dead earnest on this question.

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Local News.

Adjourned.—The sittings of the County court have been adjourned until Thursday, January 22.

The Friendly Help.—The association will hold their monthly meeting this morning (Tuesday) at 11 o'clock in their rooms at the Market hall. All members are earnestly requested to attend.

Correction.—In the list of donations to the Home for the Aged and Infirm, published in yesterday's Colonist, the name of Mr. Goldsmith, who contributed a parcel of reading matter, was omitted.

Storm Coming.—Prof. Foster, of the Dominion Meteorological Department, predicts that a severe storm will strike this coast tomorrow passing over the mountains on Thursday and sweeping the prairies on Friday and Saturday.

Union Prayer Meeting.—Tonight the subject for addresses at the union prayer meeting at First Presbyterian church is, "The Relation of the Church to Society"—1st, "To Organized Society," Rev. Dr. Rowe; 2nd, "To Social and Business Life," Rev. J. F. Vichet, M. A. Mr. Hucutt will occupy the chair.

Voters' League.—The Voters' League will hold their opening meeting of the year this (Tuesday) evening at the city hall at 8 p. m. In view of the present interest in the coming elections the meeting will be given up to the consideration of Municipal matters in general. All voters (ladies included) are cordially invited to attend.

Fruit Inspector.—Mr. Maxwell Smith, Dominion Fruit Inspector, has distributed 300 copies of the Fruit Inspection Act to the different fruit growers and packers throughout the province. Mr. Smith will insist upon strict compliance with the provisions of the Act. He anticipates a noticeable improvement in the packing and grading of fruit next season.

The Voting Machine.—The Farwell voting machine was given a test yesterday at the Victoria Municipal election. A private message to a Victorian interested in the machine conveyed the information that it worked very successfully, the result of the election being told in a very few minutes after the polls had closed.

New School Building.—Contractor George Sailer, who has secured the contract from the Provincial Government for the erection of the new school building for Esquimalt district, expects to commence work on the structure at once. It will be located on the corner of Lamson street and the old Esquimalt road, and will be quite a pretentious building, costing in the neighborhood of \$8,000.

Mothers' Club.—The Mothers' club will hold their meeting, as usual, in the Spring Ridge school on Wednesday, January 7, at 3 p. m. As the object of this meeting is the arrangement of the program for all the meetings until midsummer, it is hoped that as many mothers as can conveniently do so will be present. The work of this club during the past term was very satisfactory, but even better results are hoped for this term.

Shooting on the Harbor.—A gentleman and family who were on the water towards the mouth of the harbor yesterday afternoon, state that their boat was literally peppered with shot from the guns of men and boys who were shooting at the ducks while they were swimming about. The practice of duck shooting as carried on with the harbor front has been complained of repeatedly and should be put a stop to as otherwise a serious accident is bound to occur.

Bathing at Cordova.—Sea bathing at Christmas and New Year's is a further proof of the mildness of Victoria's climate and shows the possibilities of this city as an annual resort for tourists. A leading insurance man who resides at Cordova Bay in conversation yesterday stated that both he and his family have enjoyed periodical swims in the salt water at that delightful spot all through the year. At the hotel, Cordova Bay is much more protected than most other spots hereabouts from the cold wind, and this accounts for the fact that even little children could enjoy a plunge without discomfort.

CANADIAN ROAD BENEFITS.
Floods Demolize United States Passenger Traffic at the Sound Cities.

The transportation companies doing business in Washington have suffered enormously from the heavy floods due to the persistent rain of the past few weeks. All the big roads have been cut up for days and days and the effect of diverting a considerable portion of the passenger traffic to the C. P. R., which has operated its trains on schedule time.

The Seattle P.-I. thus alludes to the disturbance which has been caused to the passenger traffic arrangements at the Sound cities:

"Probably no class of persons about the city have been more put out by the abandonment of the East-bound trains than those who are strangers here at the moment. The exhibitions and agricultural shows have been few new arrivals in the past several days, are many men who are in a hurry to get East where important business affairs demand their attention. Some of them started out Friday night and were not to come back Saturday they clung to the hope they would be able to get through by going to Tacoma, but again they were forced to turn back.

"All the leading hotels are filled with this class of people, and therefore, while the arrivals have been light, most of the houses have been busy. When the first overland pull out of the station tonight it will have aboard as large a crowd as usually leaves the city at one time.

"Another class that have felt the effects of the traveling men. Many of them have been forwarded to other places, which they will not reach for some days yet, and therefore they will be largely working in the dark.

"Theatrical companies, who last night found it impossible to keep some of their dates, and therefore will be obliged to lose time."

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Visited the Eastern Fairs

Mr. J. R. Anderson Gleans Much
Valuable Information in
Eastern Canada.

Arranges Business of Import-
ance With Dominion and
Ontario Officials.

J. R. Anderson, deputy minister of agriculture, who has been traveling in Eastern Canada in the interests of his department, arrived home on New Year's eve. Mr. Anderson's trip was an interesting one from a business point of view, but the pleasure of it was marred by a severe cold, contracted en route from which he has not yet quite recovered.

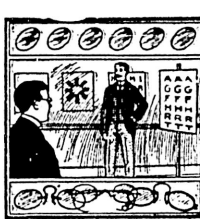
Mr. Anderson visited the winter fairs at Guelph, Ontario, and Amherst, Nova Scotia, at which agricultural centres splendid buildings have been erected by public subscription in which the exhibits of fat cattle and other live stock and poultry are held. The exhibits at Guelph are representative of the province of Ontario, while those at Amherst include specimens from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. The exhibitions are held in large, well lighted pavilions, in which the spectators are comfortably seated around the ring in which the animals are exhibited and judged. The judges, while performing their work, explain the points, drawing upon the good qualities or defects of the subjects, and giving reasons for their judgments. After the live animals have been judged, they are slaughtered and dressed, and at a subsequent meeting each carcass is produced before the judges, and the judges proceed to give practical demonstrations of the points passed upon, which led to their decisions. All this is intensely interesting and instructive to the practical stock raiser, and the lectures are attended by large numbers, who profit by the experience thus gained.

Besides the exhibition at Guelph a series of lectures was given, at the Provincial Agricultural College, on the breeding and care of stock and other important subjects connected with agriculture. Representatives from every province in the Dominion attended the fairs at Guelph and Amherst, among them members of the Dominion and Provincial cabinets, members of the House of Commons and provincial legislatures, and other prominent men, many of whom delivered addresses of an agricultural and other subjects. During the fair at Guelph two banquets were given to the visitors, at which many leading men spoke. At these banquets British Columbia fruits were displayed on the tables and attracted much attention and favorable expressions for their size, flavor and general appearance.

Mr. Anderson visited Ottawa and conferred with the officials of the Department of Agriculture on several subjects affecting the welfare of agriculture in British Columbia. He found these gentlemen anxious to do all in their power to meet the requests of the province. Prof. Robertson, dairy commissioner, and Mr. Hodson, live stock commissioner, assured him of their co-operation and assistance.

Mr. Anderson, while at Ottawa, made arrangements for short courses of lectures on judging of live stock and poultry, of which local cattle men may take advantage, which will be delivered at Farmers' Institute meetings. The traveling dairy, which did so much good last summer, will also be continued. Mr. Clark, who has charge of the inspection of seeds, will deliver lectures on the selection of pure seeds and how to detect adulterations. He is an expert on the subject, and his addresses will be

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of great value to provincial farmers and gardeners. The extent to which adulteration, or the sale of unclean seed, is carried may be estimated from the fact that Mr. Clark quoted to Mr. Anderson a case in which 132,000 seeds of noxious weeds were found in a one-pound package offered for sale in British Columbia.

At Toronto the agricultural officials section of nursery stock insisted upon by the British Columbia department, and which has caused considerable agitation among Ontario nurserymen. Mr. Anderson urged the Ontario authorities to take measures to prohibit the sale and export of diseased stock, and assured that the matter would receive serious consideration.

Mr. Anderson expressed his obligations to Mr. Jones, manager of the Traders' Bank at Guelph, and Mr. Robb, machinery manufacturer, of Amherst, for their courtesy and hospitality. At both places the hotels were crowded, and he would have suffered great inconvenience and discomfort had it not been for the thoughtful kindness of the gentlemen named.

Mr. Anderson experienced such a variety of climatic changes during his trip that he declares there is no place like Victoria. It rained in Nova Scotia, while in Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa there was heavy snow. At Toronto the ground was bare, but the temperature cold, at Winnipeg it was cold and the sleighing good, while in Western Alberta the prairie was free of snow and the cattle grazing as in mid-summer. One of the natural features which struck him in the East was the sombre green of the evergreens, so different from the bright, luxuriant colors of those of British Columbia.

THE POLICE COURT.

Free But one Day, Then Again Charged With Stealing.

W. J. Hatch was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in July last for stealing \$100 from L. Smith. He had been out of jail one day, when he was again before the police magistrate charged with stealing. Geo. Rowbottom accused Hatch of "rolling him" for \$45. Rowbottom and Hatch went out together on Saturday night, and found themselves at the Halfway House, each being inebriated. Rowbottom had \$45 in his pocket when he started out with Hatch, and when he left him he had nothing. Suspicion pointed to the man, who had been free but one day, and he was arrested. The case was remanded until this morning.

W. G. Eden was brought up on remand, charged with refusing to pay the vehicle tax. He will not pay on the ground that he knows of others who have not been asked to pay, and he has been singled out for discrimination. The magistrate pointed out that the fact that others had not paid had nothing to do with the case against him.

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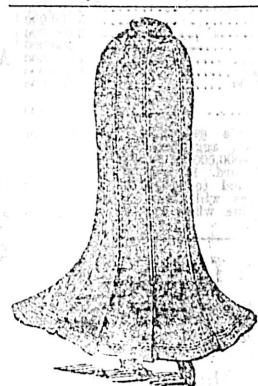
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but the accused claims it has, and asked for a remand that he may secure counsel to fight the case. The amount of the tax is \$2. The case was adjourned until Friday.

The self-stealing case was again continued in the Provincial Police court before Magistrate Hall yesterday, and a further remand taken for a week.

The Kirchheimer case will be continued in the police court this morning.

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Report That D. J. Munn Has
Arranged \$5,000,000
Consolidation.

Thirty Canneries Are Said to
Have Come to An Agree-
ment.

D. J. Munn, the well-known canneryman of New Westminster, has returned from a business visit to England. He is reported to have secured while in the Old Country an option of the stock and goodwill of the English-owned canneries outside of the British Columbia Packers' Association combine. According to the success of Mr. Munn's mission, the Vancouver Ledger of Saturday says:

"He has options of 80 per cent. of all canneries in the Northern waters and the Fraser River which are not controlled by the association financed by Aemilius Jarvis last summer. Mr. Munn is now negotiating the deal which will transfer to a new corporation practically all the canneries not now in the combine. Through Mr. Munn's bankers here the information is forthcoming that indications are very favorable towards the deal going through.

"The British Columbia Cannery Company, R. Drayner, 'These firms in many instances operate more than one cannery, which brings the total to over thirty.' MINERAL OUTPUT FOR 1902.

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"I am doing all I can to get the organization going, and if it comes about and does any good I shall be satisfied that my efforts have had some effect, as I first suggested the affair. We have already had two very important meetings of interests."

"Several members of the Packers' Association were seen to-day and informed that it was likely the deal which would go through whereby Mr. Munn would control all canneries outside the present combine. All expressed gratification at the news and stated that it would be all the better for the industry as a whole if there were two combines instead of one and a number of scattered canneries, as at present. The new combine will be larger than the present and will take in 30 canneries, and will involve a capitalization of \$5,000,000 at least, while more money will change hands in the consummation of the deal.

"Some six or seven canneries will be left outside of the combine, among them the canneries of the Anglo-B. C. Packers' Company. It is stated to be a foregone conclusion that should the new combine be brought about, that and the B. C. Packers' Association would soon merge into one.

"The canneries outside the B. C. Packers' Association are: United Canneries of B. C. Ltd.; Canadian Cannery Company, Limited; J. H. Todd & Son; National Packing Company, Ltd.; Great Northern Cannery; Federation Great Company, Ltd.; St. Munro Cannery Company, Ltd.; C. S. Windsor; Anglo-British Columbia Packing Company, Ltd.; Carlisle Company, Ltd.; Wallace Bros., Ltd.; P. Hermon; J.

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The British Columbia Mining Record for January contains a carefully prepared summary of the progress of mining in British Columbia in 1902, in which the following estimate of the year's output is given:

Gold, placer \$1,000,000
Gold, lode 5,000,000
Silver 2,000,000
Lead 4,000,000
Copper 4,000,000
Coal and coke 6,000,000
Other materials 500,000
Total \$19,000,000

The Collierist's estimate, published in Sunday's issue, aggregates \$18,400,000, a difference of \$600,000 in favor of the optimistic record. It will be interesting to all concerned to learn the which of these estimates will come nearer the actual gross value when the official figures are published.

LONDON TO WATCH
OUR MINING LAWS
Statement That a Powerful Association is to Be Formed in Metropolis.

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Protection For Lead Industry

Strong Resolutions Adopted at
Meeting of Kootenay Mine
Owners.

Ask to Be Placed on Equal
Footing With United States
Mines.

Sandton, Jan. 5.—At a meeting of the silver-lead mine owners of East and West Kootenay, held at Sandton, B. C., at which 53 mining properties were represented, the following resolution was presented by J. L. Parker, of the North Star mine, and seconded by A. G. Garde, of the Pague Mining Co., and carried unanimously:

Whereas, the silver-lead industry of British Columbia, notwithstanding the unusual richness of the ore, the proved continuity of the veins and the favorable natural conditions of mining in the province, is and for some time has been, in a declining condition, which, if not ameliorated, will end in total stagnation;

And whereas, the lead mining camps of the United States, and particularly those in the adjoining state of Idaho, are and for years have been, enjoying great prosperity, due to a protective tariff conserving the home market;

And whereas, the silver-lead mining industry has been for some years of national importance, and unless allowed to decline, will speedily attain to a much greater degree of importance, benefiting by its increased expenditures the trade and advancement of both Eastern and Western Canada;

And whereas, the domestic market for the manufactured products of lead is chiefly supplied from the products of ores mined in Mexico and Europe, where labor and cost of production is much lower than in this country, a condition of affairs which, if the widely industry protection afforded by the existing tariff, while the prices of white lead, lead pipe, sheet lead and shot, in the Dominion of Canada, are approximately equal to the prices charged for the same commodities in the United States, all to the detriment of the producers, consumers and transporters of lead in this country;

And whereas, under the existing tariff little or no protection is afforded to the lead producers and industries, whilst adequate protection is afforded to all other industries of equal importance, known to us;

And whereas, these conditions result in the exportation of a preponderance of our crude and bullion, the former to the United States and the latter to the markets of the world, there to enter into competition with the products of cheap European and Mexican lead and the surplus products of the protective industry of the United States;

Therefore, we, the silver-lead miners of the East and West Kootenay districts of British Columbia, in convention assembled, do hereby recommend and respectfully urge the enactment of a tariff act which will afford ample protection to the producers, manufacturers and transporters of lead, thereby creating and fostering a new and expansive home industry calculated to benefit all classes by the stimulation of national trade and commerce.

Having in view the interests of the producers, manufacturers and consumers of lead, we would recommend a duty equal to that imposed by the United States, viz:

On lead ores, 1½ cents per pound;
On lead in bars, pig, bars and old lead, 2½ cents per pound;
On lead in sheets, pipe, shot, etc., 2½ cents per pound;

On all other products of lead, as provided in the Dingley Tariff Act of July 24, 1897.

Provided always, that if at any time it shall be proved that a combination has been formed for the purpose of unduly increasing the charges made for smelting lead ores produced in Canada, or for refining or marketing lead bullion, or if the charges for smelting and refining in Canada is proved exorbitant, then the Governor-General-in-Council may, at his discretion, permit the admission into Canada of lead bullion smelted and refined, or smelted or refined in foreign countries, from Canadian lead ores, upon payment of an ad valorem duty of 15 per cent. upon the cost of such smelting and refining;

And the secretary is hereby instructed to forward copies of the foregoing resolutions to the senators and members of the Dominion parliament, representing British Columbia, with the request that they present the same to the federal government as a memorial with their endorsement.

BROKE THE RECORD
Granby Mines Ships Seventy-Three Cars of Ore in One Day.

Phoenix, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Yesterday the Granby mines again broke a record for one day's shipment of ore. On Christmas Day these mines sent out sixty cars of ore, and on the 24th of December, 24 hours, which was the record for one day from this camp up to that date.

Yesterday the Granby mines sent out 73 cars of ore, or about 2,200 tons. As far as known this is the largest tonnage sent out by these mines in a single day from any camp in the province in a single day.

MCKENZIE RESIGNS.
Popular Manager of Le Roi Will Take a Holiday.

Rossland, Jan. 5.—John H. McKenzie's successor as general manager of Le Roi mine and Northport smelter will probably be appointed at the forthcoming meeting of Le Roi directors in London. The resignation has been in the hands of the company for some weeks, and Mr. McKenzie has resisted the directors' advances to resign, retaining his services until he has been relieved with surprise and regret locally.

YOUNG THIEF.
Worked Combination and Robbed Post Office Box.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 3.—An eight-year-old boy has been arrested here on a charge of robbing mails in Windsor. He discovered the combination of one of the private boxes in the post office and extracted from it a box containing three handkerchiefs sent as a Christmas present. Small boys have been opening mail boxes in the post office for a month. They stood near some elderly or careless person getting mail and deciphered the combination, then they helped themselves when no one was looking.

IRISH LANDS.
Conference Agrees on a Report to Lord Lieutenant.

Dublin, Jan. 3.—The Irish land conference, which was called by Lord Dunraven, Lord Mayor, and others interested in the Irish agrarian question, with a view to arranging the sale of land by the landlords to the tenants, met here today. The only absentees were Lord Dunraven, chairman of the conference, who is sick, and John Redmond. A report was drawn up and signed by those present and forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Earl of Dunraven. The contents of the report have been given in the columns of the Daily News.

London, Jan. 4.—The Dublin correspondence of the Observer, says the report of the Irish land conference does not call for any preliminary purchase of land, but the path for final legislation on the question. The report makes recommendation in favor of orieled tenants.

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Report on
The Velvet

Estimated That 200,000 Tons of Ore Are in Sight.

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At a meeting of the New Gold Fields of British Columbia, held in London, the following report on the Velvet mine was presented:

"The property was acquired on the recommendation of James Morrish, a mining engineer of large experience, who formed a high opinion of its value. He expressed this in his report of December 1, 1900, stating that the character of the metal bearing ground was a broad fissure which proved to be at least 50 feet wide, in which ore bodies of variable size occurred as replacement veins, carrying high values of gold and silver in copper and iron pyrites. Mr. Morrish was sanguine that a very large amount of ore, which he estimated at 100,000 tons, averaging \$20 per ton, was available above the 520 foot level, and further unascertained amount below. The first shipment from the mine proved even greater richness than Mr. Morrish predicted, and his estimates of quantity has not yet been disproved. J. J. Morrish, his son, on taking charge of the mine, however, contented himself with driving and sinking without following the payable ore, and later with shipping, apparently anything that came his way, without the testing that working in the upper portion of the mine was temporarily suspended.

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"It is evident that this wide belt of mineral containing several streaks of rich ore, has been insufficiently proved by the levels run by J. L. Morrish, which only tested a fraction of the lode width. These levels have their value in opening up the ground, but from each, lateral borings and crosscuts are necessary to be driven, until the true country rock is reached on either side of them, by which the position of each rich streak can be located. Mr. Sorenson also emphasized the continuation of at least one of these rich streaks, from the Stable shaft through the Tupper fraction, to the ore level in the level, some 320 feet distant, and stated that much of the upper portion of the mine was unproved. He, however, recommended, as the reconstruction of the company had placed it in June, that further sinking was of the first importance, and the shareholders being of the same opinion, a new sinking pump and hoist were installed, and the main shaft sunk to a depth of 510 feet. The fifth and sixth levels were also driven, various raises made for ventilation, and some stoppings done, chiefly at the lower levels, from which good ore was shipped.

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New York, Jan. 5.—The following quotations ruled on the Produce Exchanges today:

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New York Wheat	79 1/2	79 3/4	79	79 1/2
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May	42 1/2	43 1/4	42 1/2	43 1/4
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Maiden 140 160 140 140
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Mo. Pacific 108 109 108 109
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Money on call, 8 per cent.

"Yes, it's true," said Miss De Skremer. "The death of a rich relative has relieved the necessity of making my living by singing in public. 'I'm so glad' impulsively exclaimed the other girl—Chicago Tribune.

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You can protect yourself against chronic constipation, biliousness, typhoid fever, gripe, and all kindred complaints by using

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Report on The Velvet

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